

eration thereof was postponed and made the special order of the day for Wednesday next.

On motion, Mr. Turner was permitted to make a personal explanation.

The Senate now proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: The bill to alter the constitution; which was read the first time.

Mr. Gorrell moved the following amendment to the bill, viz: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following, to-wit:

That a free and open convention of the people of the State of North-Carolina be and the same is hereby called to meet in the City of Raleigh on the 3d Monday of November, A. D., 1859, which Convention, when assembled and organized, shall have full power to alter, amend, reform and remodel the present Constitution of this State in manner as shall be best calculated to establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

Pending the consideration of the bill and amendment,

On motion by Mr. Mills, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

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#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1859.

Mr. Humphrey introduced two memorials concerning the sale of spirituous liquors at or near Richlands, in Onslow county; which, on motion, were referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

Mr. Humphrey, from the committee on corporations, to which was referred the bill to incorporate Shoal Creek Academy;

The bill to incorporate the Pitt county Female Institute; and

The bill to amend the act incorporating the town of Kenansville, and to provide for the better government of said